## REGULAR PARISH GATHERINGS/MEETINGS

# All meetings take place in the St John Vianney Meeting Room Weekly:

Monday 1.00pm-3.30pm Craft Group
Tuesday 10.00am-12.30pm Deaf Craft Group

Wednesday 7.00pm Faith, Seeking, Understanding

Thursday 9.00-11.00am Baby & Toddler Group

Monthly:

1st Monday1.00pm-3.45pmMillennium GroupLast Tuesday6.00pmBaptismal Meeting

Last Friday 10.30am- 12.30pm Bereavement Drop-in

1st Saturday 10.00am SVP Meeting

St Vincent de Paul

If you or someone you know is in need of a helping hand or listening ear, please contact the parish SVP on our confidential Phone line 07562 694 624 or email ctksvp@gmail.com

#### **Parish Team**

Parish Priest: Father Colin Fealey

**Deacons:** Rev Adrian Anwyl and Rev Sean O'Donovan Sister Pat Redgrave CP and Sister Maureen McNally CP

Parish Office Administrators Robert Kidd and Brenda Williams

Office Hours: Monday 9am-3.45pm , Tuesday 9.30am-3.30pm, Thursday 9am-3.45 pm

and Friday 9am-3.45pm CLOSED ALL DAY WEDNESDAY and WEEKENDS

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Christ the King0151-722-3462Head TeacherMr D DelaneyOur Lady of Good Help0151-733-6937Head TeacherMr M McQuistonSt. Paschal Baylon0151-722-0464Head TeacherMr E Flood

Parish Centre Christ the King 0151-722-3110

#### Gift Aid

Anyone who pays tax can Gift Aid to the parish. For every £1 you give the parish can claim 25p from the HMRC with no expense to you. Standing orders can be organised via the parish office.

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter 30th April 2023 Psalter Week 4 Year A

#### **VOCATIONS SUNDAY**

In these days of Eastertide, as we listen to the accounts of the growth and expansion of the early Church, we see how under the guidance of God's Spirit the seeds of the Gospel are carried from the Holy Land to the ends of the earth. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we are encouraged to pray that all Christians recognise their baptismal vocation, remembering the words of St Paul to the Ephesians that "to some his gift was that they should be apostles, to some prophets, to some evangelists, to some pastors and teachers, so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ.

Today we are encouraged to pray in a special way for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. In our diocese, Archbishop Malcolm will be Ordaining Hugh Donleavy as a Deacon in a little over a month at St Charles Church in Aigburth. This will hopefully be followed, by 3 more ordinations to the Diaconate in Oscott and the Venerable English College, Rome towards the end of the college academic year.

Please pray for our seven seminarians and for all those discerning a vocation to the priesthood within our Archdiocese. Pray for our priests too, that our Church may be blessed with Good Shepherds who are prepared to spend their life in the service of the sheep entrusted to their care.

If you feel the Lord might be calling you to the priesthood why not speak to your Parish Priest about it, or make contact with the Vocations Director based at St Charles in Aigburth, by telephoning 0151727 2493 or emailing r.iohnson@rcaol.org.uk.



There will be a retiring collection today for the Priests Training Fund. This collection will remain open until the end of May.

#### PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING & OUR LADY

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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## **Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10.00-11.00am**

Friday	5th	12.00pm	Grateful Thanks: Angela Burjony

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	6th	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	7th	9.30am	Vic Thorp RIP
		11.00am	Theresa Hayes RIP

Mass to celebrate the Coronation: on Friday 5th May at 5 pm there is a vigil Mass at the *Metropolitan Cathedral* to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty the King, Charles III. All are welcome to attend.

Masses received this week: Bridie Jones RIP, Julie Atherton RIP, Guiseppe 'Pino' Rausa RIP, Monica Woods, Keith Prentice Jnr RIP, Kayleigh Bold: Get Well

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for: **Dennis Adderley RIP** The Marian Lamp burns this week for: Margaret Roper RIP The St Paschal Baylon Lamp burns this week for: Michael Powell RIP

## Coffee Morning recommences on Friday 12th May All welcome!

## **CTK Makeover Fund Tote** The April draw has now taken place

The winning numbers were 15 and 20 who each won £66.25 If you would like to join in with the Tote please set up a Standing Order to CTK Makeover Fund Sort code 53-70-44 Account 8541 1434 £5 on the first of each month.

## Thank you to everyone who takes part

#### **ALPHA COURSE**

St Mary's Parish Hall, Woolton. Wednesdays at 7pm Could you or someone you know be interested in attending an Alpha course? Do you enjoy interesting discussions, like good food and think there's more to life? Why not join us? For more information, please email alpha-be-stm@rcaol.org.uk

**Divorced? Separated?** Meet in a small group for a gentle day of accurate information, non-intrusive support and confidential encouragement. Saturday 13th May 2023, 10am to 4pm at the Irenaeus Centre, Great George's Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD. Free, but donations welcome. A light lunch will be provided. For more information, or to make a booking (essential), please contact Frances Trotman on 0151 727 2195.

## From the Deanery Synodal Council

In recent Pastoral Letters the Archbishop has acknowledged the work of the Synod is continuing in various ways across the Archdiocese but it might appear that nothing has been happening locally. Since July 2022 a small group of priests and people from across the Deanery have been working together as members of the Deanery Synodal Council.

The four meetings since September have seen the real work begin. We have explored something of the richness of what is happening in our Deanery and sought to interpret what this idea of "Families of Parishes" means. As we explored further, the enormity of the task ahead has become clearer and we have considered some of the limitations we might face because of geography and resourcing. We decided at our last meeting that the most effective way forward would be to take a step back and examine a little more the purpose of our group and how "Families of Parishes" might shape the work in our area.

During April we will meet again to focus on these questions and will report back the fruit of our discussions in the summer term. Please keep the Deanery Synodal Council members in your prayers.

## 'Shining A Light On ...' Display

After we have shone the light on our First Holy Communion candidates there are plenty of dates free. Please use this board to shine a light on your group/activity/ministry, it's a great space to share a little more info about what you get up to as obviously noticeboard space is limited!

## **Cancelled—Parish Celebration for the King's Coronation**

Due to insufficient ticket sales this event has been cancelled.

Please present your adult tickets at the back of Church to obtain a refund or call into the Parish Office.

#### PARISH AFTERNOON TEA FOR ADULTS

## To celebrate the King's Coronation

MONDAY 8TH MAY 2-5 pm At CTK Parish Centre £10 per person Live entertainment, Raffle, Royal Quiz, Traditional Afternoon Tea

## Pray in May with Mary's Meals

In this month dedicated to Our Lady we invite you to join us in praying for the work of Mary's Meals, a mission carried out in Our Lady's name to feed children a daily school meal in some of the world's poorest communities. This meal brings children into the classroom where they can get an education, offering hope of a better future. Our work began with prayer, and prayer has sustained our rapid growth - from feeding 200 children in 2002 to feeding over 2.4 million children today. Please join us in praying for:

All the children who receive Mary's Meals. All those who have grown up eating Mary's Meals and gone out into the world as adults. All the children still waiting for Mary's meals, that we will be able to reach them soon.

Cathedral Choir: On Friday 12th May the choir of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral will visit Our Lady of the Assumption Church to present a Parish Choral Offering. The choir will sing a wide variety of music including Handel's coronation anthem 'Zadok the Priest' and the much loved 'Panis Angelicus' by Cesar Franck. All are welcome to come and enjoy an hour of beautiful music. The offering is 6.30pm-7.30pm and admission is free (with a retiring collection).

Our Lady of the Assumption, 16 Hedgefield Road, Gateacre, L25 2RW.

## Please remember in your prayers the sick, housebound and all in our hospitals and homes.

Clare Battiste, Patricia Prentice, Julian James, Pauline Roberts, Scarlet Cook, Pat Brumskill, Connie McCarten, Kath White, Danny Smith, Margaret O'Connor, Ann Martin, Residents of Oak Springs Care Home, John Rix, Keith Nieman, Adrian Williams, Garry Hilton, Anne King, Margaret Hopkins, Frank Barnwell, Kaleigh Bold, Moira Houghton, John Williams, Mary Joyce, Mary Dunne, Bobby Rodriguez, Peter Fitzpatrick, Christopher Byrne, Sally Murphy, Pat Easton, Samantha, Patricia Brittles.

If you know of any Parishioner who would like to be remembered in the prayers of the Parish please pass the details into the Parish Office.

Anniversaries: Joan Quirk, Margaret Roper, Karen Boon, James O'Flaherty. We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Baptisms: This week we welcome into the Church

## Molly McGee and Millie Laura Virtue

**Weekly Collection:** Thank you for your contribution to the work of the Parish which raised: £908.12, plus the Standing Orders £845.40

Total: £1,753.52

## **NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES REMINDER**

Please collect your new box of offertory envelopes for 2023/24 at the back of church. Thank you.

Please note that in order to streamline the Gift Aid process only tax paying contributions will have a numbered envelope this year.

Many thanks for your continued support.

## Mill Hill Red Boxes

In 2022 our parish raised £8,108.47 through our red boxes and donations to A.P.F./Mill Hill missionaries. THANK YOU! We are part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries through prayer and financial assistance for projects such as helping children learn in a safe environment and instill values that help them turn away from conflict and towards faith in God. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more.

#### SAINTS OF THE WEEK

**1st May St Joseph the Worker.** We celebrate two feast days for St Joseph: March 19th for Joseph husband of Mary and May 1st for St Joseph the worker. In response to the "May day" celebrations for workers sponsored by communists, Pius XII instituted the feast of St Joseph the worker in 1955. But the relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers has a much longer history.

**2nd May - St Athanasius.** Athanasius (C.296 -373) was bishop of Alexandria and attended the first Council of Nicea. Athanasius was the greatest champion of Catholic belief on the subject of the Incarnation that the Church has ever known and in his lifetime earned the characteristic title of "Father of Orthodoxy"

**3rd May - Ss Philip and James.** Philip, an apostle, came from Bethsaida and after following John the Baptist became an early follower of Jesus. He persuaded Nathaniel (probably Bartholomew) to follow Jesus too. When the Greeks wanted to meet Jesus they approached Philip first. Tradition has him preaching the Gospel in Phrygia and dying in Hierapolis. James son of Alphaeus is sometimes identified with James whose mother stood by Jesus on the cross. Also he is often called the first bishop of Jerusalem and identified with the author of the Epistle of St James, otherwise nothing is known with certainty about him. His traditional iconographic emblem is a fuller's club because he was believed to have been beaten to death with it, after being sentenced by the Sanhedrin in AD62 to be stoned.

4th May -The English Martyrs. In the New Calendar for English Saints the 40 canonized martyrs (previous feast on 25th October) have joined the 85 beatified martyrs for today's Feast, with other martyrs from the 16th and 17th centuries. These are now known as 'The English Martyrs'. It was on 4th May 1535 that three Carthusian monks were put to death at Tyburn, the first of many martyrs. Of these martyrs 42 have been canonized and a further 242 declared blessed, but the number of those who died on the scaffold, perished in prison, or suffered harsh persecution for their faith in the course of a century and a half cannot now be reckoned. They came from every walk of life; there are among them rich and poor, married and single, women and men. They are remembered for the example they gave of constancy in their faith, and courage in the face of persecution.

#### **Bereavement Care Team**

We are really grateful for all the Christmas cards you have given us. We now have all the Christmas cards we need. We do need lots of 'Sympathy' and 'Thinking of You' cards that we can recycle. Thank you for your unfailing generosity.

## **First Holy Communion**

We remember in our prayers all the children who will be making their First Holy Communion this weekend and over the next few weeks during May. Our blessings and best wishes go out to all our children and their families as they receive the body of Christ for the first time.

## **First Holy Communion Ties**

Are now available to purchase from the parish office. Price £8.00

## **Mass for Bishop Tom Williams**

Following the retirement of Bishop Tom Williams from the office of Auxiliary Bishop, there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for his twenty years of episcopal ministry in Liverpool on Wednesday, 17 May at the Metropolitan Cathedral at 7pm which Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate. All welcome.

#### RCIA—Mass for New Catholics

The Mass for new Catholics will take place on 21st June 2023 at the Metropolitan Cathedral at 7 pm. Anyone who has been involved in the RCIA journey would be very welcome to attend. If you have any further questions, please email: rcia@rcaol.org.uk

## Lourdes 2023

If you or a member of your family would like to travel to Lourdes as an "assisted pilgrim" with the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage this July please contact Debbie at our Lourdes office. There are places available for pilgrims who require medical and other assistance both to travel and whilst staying in Lourdes. Our team of doctors, nurses and other volunteers will be on hand to help all through the pilgrimage. Talk to Debbie in our Lourdes office and she will be able to answer any questions you may have. Call 07484911623.

Pilgrims not requiring assistance who would like to join our pilgrimage are asked to contact Joe Walsh tours on freephone 0808 1890 468. website: joewalshtours.co.uk

## **Living Theology Programme**

Summer School at the Loreto Centre, Llandudno
From Friday 30th June to Sunday 2nd July. For more information visit:
https://loretocentre.org.uk/living-theology-2023